

July 19, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to encourage you to support the efforts of LightSquared, a broadband wireless company that wants to introduce wireless service with a satellite backup system across the country, including in Hawaii.

As a kindergarten teacher at Maili Elementary School I am worried about our keiki's education. I know that the availability of a strong and reliable broadband service is critical to giving our children the opportunities they will need to learn and work in this wired world.

New ways of deploying and improving broadband here in Hawaii is probably the most important issue facing our educational system. It is so important Governor Abercrombie just approved a bill that makes broadband a priority.

Hawaii's next generation's economic recovery depends on companies like LightSquared – which will invest \$14 billion in its network and employ thousands of workers nationwide as it brings state-of-the-art high-speed wireless capacity to at least 260 million Americans - delivering strong broadband to Hawaii. Otherwise, countries like China, India and Brazil could very well leapfrog us by building out their own higher-speed networks. That would be disastrous.

I've learned that LightSquared's plans may be delayed due to complaints about interference with GPS signals. While these should be addressed, I understand the Federal Communications Commission is handling the matter.

Please encourage the regulators to resolve any outstanding issues quickly so that our economy and our telecommunications infrastructure can begin to benefit from LightSquared's investments as soon as possible, for the future of Hawaii's children

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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